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SO THAT THE RECORD MIGHT SHOW WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED DURING
CODEL MONTGOMERY'S VISIT TO VIENTIANE RATHER THAN WHAT WAS
PLANNED, THE FOLLOWING IS THE ACTUAL SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 1978.

1000-CODEL'S AIRCRAFT (SAM 86971) LANDED AT VIENTIANE'S
WATTAY AIRPORT. MET BY LAO PROTOCL OFFICIALS AND EMBASSY
STAFF. CODEL PROCEEDED IN MOTORCADE TO LAN XANG HOTEL.

1020-CODEL HELD INFORMAL MEETING IN LOBBY OF HOTEL
TO DISCUSS SCHEDULE.

1030 TO 1215-FREE TIME.

1215-MEMBERS OF CONGRESS PLUS MR. VANCE, LT.COL.
EILAND, AND MISS LARSON PROCEEDED TO CHARGE'S RESIDENCE
FOR WORKING LUNCH. CHARGE BREIFED GROUP DURING LUNCH.

1215-MEMBERS OF PRESS CORPS PROCEEDED TO MR. BOARD-
MAN'S RESIDENCE FOR LUNCH WITH LOCAL PRESS CORPS AND
PRESS ATTACHES FROM OTHER EMBASSIES.

1215-CODEL'S ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF LUNCHEDED WITH
MR. BOOHER.

1410-CHARGE'S LUNCH BROKE UP. GROUP PAID QUICK
VISIT TO THE LAO GOVERNMENT'S QTE DOLL SHOP UNQTE.

1500-WORKING SESSION AT LAO GOVERNMENT GUEST
HOUSE. MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, VANCE, EILAND, LARSON,
AND CHARGE MET WITH LAO GROUP HEADED BY ACTING FOREIGN
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MINISTER KHAMPHAY BOUPHA, ACTING UNDER SECRETARY
SOUKTHAVONE KEOLA, AND DEPARTMENT TWO DIRECTOR SOMBAT
CHOUNLAMANY. (THE LAO REVEALED THAT THEY HAD FOUR SETS
OF REMAINS TO HAND OVER THE THE CODEL.)

1630-RETURNED TO HOTEL. CODEL MET COLLECTIVELY
AND INDIVIDUALLY WITH THE PRESS.

1700 TO 1915-FREE TIME.

1915-ALL MEMBERS OF CODEL (EXCEPT CONGRESSMAN MURTHA, MAJ. ROCHE, AND SMSGT STEFFES) DEPARTED HOTEL FOR CHARGE'S RESIDENCE.

1930- BUFFET DINNER AT CHARGE'S RESIDENCE FOR ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER KHAMPHAY, OTHER LAO OFFICIALS, CHIEFS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, AND EMBASSY STAFF IN HONO OF CODEL.

2215-RETURNED TO HOTEL.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

0700-MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, VANCE, EILAND, AND LARSON MET WITH MENNONITE AND QUAKER REPRESENTATIVES AT HOTEL.

0830-MEMBERS, VANCE, EILAND, LARSON, AND CHARGE DEPARTED HOTEL FOR LAO GOVERNMENT GUEST HOUSE TO RECEIVE AND VIEW REMAINS.

0845-MEETING WITH LAO GROUP HEADED BY ACTING UNDER SECRETARY SOUKTHAVONE FOLLOWED BY PRESENTATION AND VIEWING OF REMAINS.

0930 TO 1045- SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF THAT LUANG AND WAT PHRA KEO ARRANGED BY THE LAO PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT FOR MEMBERS, VANCE, EILAND, LARSON, AND CHARGE.

1045- DEPARTED HOTEL FOR MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.

1100-EMBERS, VANCE, EILAND, LARSON, AND CHARGE MET WITH PHOUMI VONGVICHIT, LAO DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

1200-RETURNED TO HOTEL.

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1215-DEPARTED HOTEL FOR AIRPORT.

1230-CEREMONY AT AIRPORT. FOUR COFFINS WERE LOADED INTO A C-141 AFTER BEING FORMALLY DRAPED WITH FLAGS BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

1245-DEPARTED AIRPORT FOR CHARGE'S RESIDENCE.

1300-BUFFET LUNCH AT CHARGE'S RESIDENCE FOR LOCAL AMERICAN COMMUNITY, CODEL, AND EMBASSY STAFF.

1445-DEPARTED CHARGE'S RESIDENCE FOR AIRPORT. SHORT SHOPPING STOP ALONG THE WAY.

1530-ARRIVED AT AIRPORT. MET BY ACTING UNDER SECRETARY SOUKTHAVONE AND OTHER LAO OFFICIALS. SHORT CONVERSATION IN V.I.P. ROOM.

1550-CODEL BOARDED AIRCRAFT FOR FLIGHT TO HANOI.

1559-WHEELS UP.
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